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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, BC  
SUBJECT: BOTSWANAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY TO TAKE FIFTY  
PER CENT SHARE IN ORAPA DIAMOND MINE

1. ACCORDING TO THE FINANCIAL TIMES OF OCTOBER 14, THE  
BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY TAKE A 50 PER CENT SHARE  
IN THE EQUITY OF THE ORAPA DIAMOND MINE. PAPER SAYS "A-  
GREEMENT HAS ALMOST BEEN REACHED IN SECRET TALKS" BETWEEN  
BOTSWANA OFFICIALS AND DE BEERS DURING PAST YEAR. NEW A-  
GREEMENT REPORTEDLY INCLUDES TAXATION AND ROYALTY PROVI-  
SIONS, AND IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BOTSWANAN'S SHARE OF  
PROFITS FROM 50 TO MORE THAN 75 PER CENT. FINANCIAL  
TIMES ALSO COMMENTS THAT TALKS DESIGNED TO COVER NOT ONLY  
ORAPA, BUT ALSO AGREEMENT FOR THE NEW DK1 DEPOSIT.

2. TEXT OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED GABORONE.

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